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1. About 12 km west of Kuybyshev (N53-12, E50-09) is a plateau about 350 m high upon which is located a complex of three connected airfields having the shape of a rhombus. They are laid out in an east-west direction (see sketch, page 2). Crossing over from one field to another at the points which touch is possible.
2. The surfaces of the fields are planted with grass. The cement runways are painted green and are consequently nearly invisible.
3. The length of the center field is three km. The lengths of the other two fields are two km each. Each of the three airfields is one km in width. The total combined length of the field installations from east to west is five km.
4. The whole area takes on the appearance of a suburban settlement. The area immediately around the airfields has one-and two-family houses with front gardens, fruit orchards, and vegetable gardens. Shrubbbery divides the individual 2,000-3,000-square-meter lots.
5. In a forested area north of the airfields AA guns are set up but their exact locations are unknown. In addition, some of the above-ground buildings in the area around the fields may have some light AA guns installed on their roofs.

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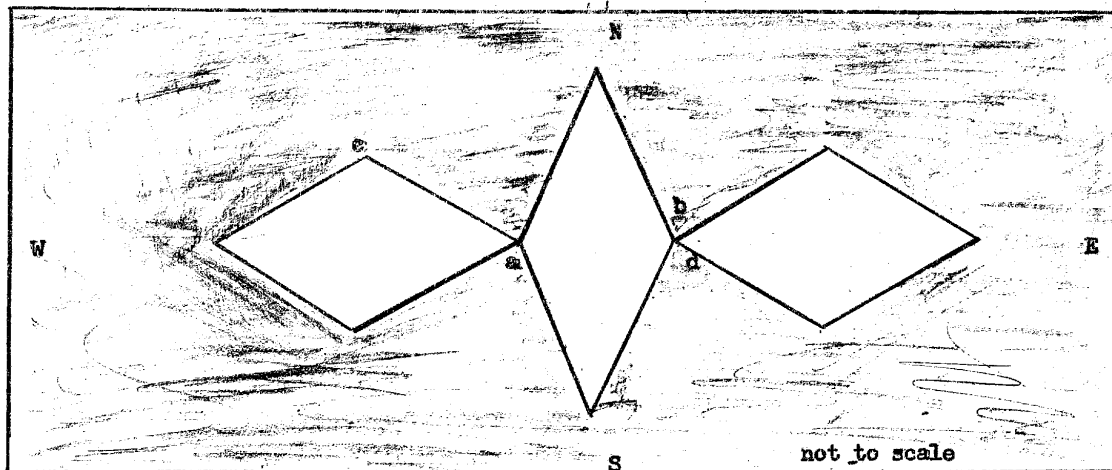
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Sketch of the Airfield Complex West of Kuybyshev



6. There are three houses on 7,000 square meters of land at the point marked a on the sketch. These three houses contain the entrances to the headquarters buildings which are built underground. They are two-story structures made of cement. One of the buildings houses the telephone exchange and the airfield administration for ground personnel handling the radio work. In the other building is the command headquarters which administers control over the repair shops, the ammunition and spare parts depot, and the fuel dumps.
7. Adjacent to the southwestern side of these buildings are other two-story underground buildings which are connected by underground passages. There are 10 such buildings arranged in a double row forming a rectangle. Each building is about 50 m long and 40 m wide. The enlisted personnel is housed in these 10 buildings. Small electric cars run through the passages connecting these buildings. These buildings are also connected by telephone and an automatic fire alarm system. Every room has a public address system outlet, through which orders are given to the personnel. Every building has its entrance from the family house above the building in question. The buildings also have oxygen pumps and air conditioning equipment. Leading to the entrances of the buildings is an escalator which has a double width in the upper story. In addition to the escalators there are elevators which are, however, reserved for the small electric cars and for personnel in case of a fire alarm. Beside this, two adjoining buildings use a concrete stairway between them. Between the top of the buildings and the ground level is a layer of concrete about eight (sic) meters thick, which in turn is covered with a layer of humus two to three (sic) meters thick.
8. The radio building, evidently also underground, is located at the place marked b on the sketch. At this point there are two antennas, each about six meters high, which can be elevated four more meters in four minutes by mechanical means. The antennas are of metallic framework. In their swivel and two meters up the antennas are octagonal, then becoming cylindrical, and finally becoming conical at the top. A third antenna, which is about four meters high, may be raised and lowered by electrical means. In the depressed position the antennas are nearly invisible, since they are no higher than the adjacent family housing units. In addition, they are painted with camouflage paint. The radio installation uses 20 radio operators. The radio building also has a radio telephone and radar equipment.

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9. Underground hangars are located at both the eastern and western ends of the centrally located airfield. Drives lead up to these hangars. Both hangar areas are camouflaged on top by shrubbery. The eastern hangar has a capacity of 25-30 planes and the western hangar holds 50 planes.
10. The entrance to the underground workshops is located near point c on the sketch. The workshops are so equipped that all motor repairs, motor changes, and other mechanical work can be handled. A separate section repairs guns. There are about 30 skilled workers and about 60 helpers in the workshops.
11. Just to the northwest of the workshops are the necessary storage rooms. It is required that 25 spare motors and 25 spare jet engines be on hand at all times.
12. The provision, ammunition, and uniform depots are located near point d on the sketch.
13. The area north of the airfields is forested. The fuel dumps are located in the eastern portion of this forested area. There are supposedly seven sunken fuel tanks. The size of these tanks is unknown.
14. In each of the four corners of the sketch there are above-ground buildings, some of which are used as automobile garages. In addition, there is an underground garage just south of the fuel tanks.

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